

CIRCULAR.

BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF SILVER BULLION.

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Department No. 109.

Bureau of the Mint.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

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Notice is hereby given that in future bids for the sale of silver bullion, in lots of not less than ten thousand ounces, and its delivery, free of expense to the Government, at any specified Mint of the United States, will be received every Tuesday and Friday until 2 o'clock P. M., either by telegraph or by letter.

All bids will be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and will state the quantity offered in fine ounces, and the price per ounce fine, payable in standard silver dollars.

Bidders whose offers may be accepted, either as to the whole amount offered or any part thereof, will be notified by telegraph or mail.

The delivery must be completed within ten days from the date of the acceptance of an offer, unless otherwise stipulated.

When the bullion purchased is of a character to require parting or refining, the usual mint charges for those operations will be paid by the seller.

When bars bear the stamp of well-known private refiners or assayers, such approximate value of the bullion delivered will be paid, pending melt and assay, at discretion, as may be regarded safe and proper.

No silver coin except trade dollars, and other uncurrent and mutilated coins of the United States, will be received at the Mint at Philadelphia on account of purchases for delivery at that Mint for coinage of silver dollars. All foreign coin must be melted into bars of full size, bearing the stamp of the New York Assay Office.

The right to reject all bids, or any portion thereof, is hereby reserved, and also to accept any portion of amounts offered instead of the whole.

DANIEL MANNING,

Secretary.